

# **VIRGINIA NUCLEAR ENERGY CONSORTIUM**

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**UPDATE  
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

# Update

- 2016-2017 Strategic Plan Adopted
- All members renewed membership and dues

# Priorities and Actions

- Influence Public Policy to support Virginia nuclear workforce needs
  - Energy cluster
  - Expanded community college energy/nuclear training certificates
  - Career Day for key high school, community college, and university faculty—Q1 2017
  - Nuclear job links on VNEC website

# Priorities and Actions

- Continued support for Center for Advanced Engineering and Research—help find matching money for legislative appropriation
- More DOE, NRC, et al. nuclear research dollars into Virginia universities and facilities
  - New reactor research potential
  - Coordination with DOE, Office of Nuclear Technology
  - Increased coordination within the Virginia research and nuclear business community

# Priorities and Actions

- Increased congressional advocacy on nuclear issues
  - Impact of plant closures on Virginia suppliers
  - Role of nuclear generation in meeting clean air goals
    - Importance of successful license extension for Virginia nuclear plants
  - Specific nuclear issues and legislation as identified (i.e., interim storage, Yucca Mt...?)

# Priorities and Actions

- State advocacy and outreach
  - Working with a variety of state agencies—Education, Commerce and Trade, Housing and Cm. Development, Community College Chancellor’s Office, and Tobacco Commission
  - Coordinating on issues with various organizations—Virginia Chamber, Virginia Manufacturers Assn., Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, IBEW, American Energy Society, Lynchburg Regional Energy Alliance, and NEI
  - Education and information regarding nuclear contribution to clean air, importance of license extension for Virginia reactors, general support

# Priorities and Actions

- Media outreach, public education and information
  - Lynchburg News-Advance, Virginia Business Journal
  - More to come
- Using VNEC brand to publicly support...
  - VCU Fellowship Grant
  - CVCC National Science Foundation Grant
  - CVCC NRC Grant